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Eagle Lake barn burns to ground

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

On Tuesday, Feb. 9, Haliburton resident Erin Nicholls stood outside watching flames shoot up in the sky as a decades-old barn in Eagle Lake burned to the ground.

The barn was home to a variety of animals, including seven dogs that belonged to Nicholls, who makes his living as a bear guide.

Nicholls was only able to save three of the seven dogs, he told the *Echo* the day following the fire.

"It's very sad," he said. "You know they're just like family. I see them every day."

The dogs, which range from age three to 11, were hunting dogs, said Nicholls. They included two males and two females, which he described as a mixture of hounds. He called them "beautiful dogs."

Nicholls has been a tenant living at the farm where the fire occurred since last October and chose to move there due to the quality of life he believed he was affording his animals.

"I wanted them to have a better winter," he said. "With the big arena there I was able to let them run there every day. It was just a great set-up. I just never dreamt that would happen."

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Dysart fire chief Miles Maughan, right, helps a team of firefighters put out a blaze in Eagle Lake on Feb. 9. The barn burned to the ground and took about seven hours to put out. The fire started around 11 a.m. and the structure was fully engulfed in flames when the firefighters arrived. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

Hank DeBruin ends his run on Yukon Quest

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

For the first time since he became a musher, Hank DeBruin has decided to withdraw from a race before completing it.

On Friday, Feb. 12, DeBruin's wife Tanya McCready-DeBruin announced on their Winterdance Dogsled Tours' Facebook page her husband was not going to be able to complete the 1,000-mile Yukon Quest.

A media release issued by the Yukon Quest stated DeBruin (bib No. 10) made

the decision to scratch for the health and morale of his team. He scratched with nine dogs left.

The news followed daily updates on DeBruin's race thus far, which had been met with many challenges and battles,

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Minden woman wins early bird draw

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation chairman Peter Oyler reads the winning ticket in the Cash for Care early bird draw at the Haliburton hospital on Feb. 12 as HHHS board chairman John Kay, right, and several staff and board members look on in anticipation. Heather Routledge of Minden was the lucky winner of \$500 and her ticket goes back in the drum for another chance to win. There are two more early bird draws and then on May 27 they will draw for three cash prizes with the most being \$20,000. HHHSF executive director Dale Walker thanked ticket agents and local media for spreading the word and to those who purchased tickets in the fundraiser for health care. The next early bird draw is March 17. For tickets call 705-457-1580 or 705-286-1580 or email foundation@hhhs.on.ca. JENN WATT Staff

Haliburton Frost Fest and Polar Bear Dip cancelled

Due to extreme cold weather warnings, Haliburton Village's Frost Festival was cancelled last Saturday.

Thursday afternoon, recreation program co-ordinator Andrea Mueller confirmed the municipality of Dysart et al had made the decision out of concern for public safety.

"We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause and look forward to hosting the festival next year," said Mueller in an email.

The Lions Club Polar Bear Challenge (planned for Saturday) was also cancelled. Organizers said they will consider rescheduling the polar dip, however, Frost Fest won't be back until next year.

The lasagna dinner and free public skating went ahead as usual.

Home lottery chooses Silver Beach as grand prize bungalow

JENN WATT

Editor

The Haliburton Highlands has a place in this year's Princess Margaret Cancer Centre Home Lottery.

A 1,300-square-foot Silver Beach bungalow worth \$458,874 is one of seven grand prize homes in the popular fundraiser.

According to the Princess Margaret lottery website, the home is fully furnished and decorated and comes with an additional \$25,000 in cash.

"Beyond the beauty of its natural surroundings, your two-bedroom home features luxury finishes inside and out. With a fireplace for the cool nights, a patio for the warm evenings and year-round activities at your doorstep, lakeside living here is a four-season pleasure," the website reads.

It also includes a couples golf membership at Pine-stone.

Developer Gerry Kowalski said that under the lottery's regulations, he couldn't yet speak about one of his homes being offered at a prize.

However, Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said that Silver Beach's inclusion in the lottery was "exciting and valuable."

"The developer from day one has been committed to top quality, efficient structures, demonstrating sustainable condo fees on a waterfront setting. We have a first-

class community in our midst. This is great news for the developer, the county and is what happens when a developer is hands on with specific goals and values."

Other prizes include a \$3.7 million Kleinburg show-home and Muskoka cottage, a Markham show home, a beach loft in Toronto and more.

Money raised supports Canada's largest cancer research program "at one of the top five cancer research centres in the world."

Tickets are \$100 each and can be purchased at Princess-MargaretLotto.com or by calling 1-800-542-8813 or emailing pmhlottery@deloitte.ca.

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— Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey



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Echo nominated for five OCNA awards

The Haliburton County Echo is in the top three for five categories in the Ontario Community Newspaper Association's Better Newspapers Competition.

The nominees were announced on Friday, Feb. 12.

The Haliburton County Echo has been nominated for the General Excellence award for its circulation category.

In addition, reporter/photographer Darren Lum has been nominated for the Photographer of the Year award and Best Feature Series for his "Where are they now?"

series.

The Echo has also been nominated for Best Front Page layout and Best Use of Process Colour in an advertisement.

Sister paper The Minden Times has been nominated for General Excellence in its category and feature writing. Steve Galea is nominated for Humour Columnist of the Year.

The rankings will be announced at a gala on April 22.

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Above and right, firefighters try to prevent the damage from spreading throughout the rest of the barn. Four dogs perished in the barn, which was destroyed. A cause is not yet known.



21 firefighters battle blaze

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Inside the house when the fire broke out, Nicholls said a neighbour came running in while he was in the basement trying to start a fire for the house.

"He actually went to the barn first because he was worried I was there ... and then came and got me," said Nicholls. "He was a great help."

Too upset to call 9-1-1, Nicholls and his neighbour, Ryan Griffin, ran right to the barn to get the dogs.

"I was able to save three. I've got an older female and there was two pups who were five months old that were together in a stall," he said.

The three dogs were in a stall near the front of the barn, however, the other four that didn't make it out were located towards the back.

"It just broke my heart," he said. "We got the three out and then when we looked back in, it was just all a wall of smoke ... the whole barn was just a huge ball of fire at this point."

At the time of the fire there were five horses who were all out on the field, said Nicholls. The whole thing happened extremely fast and had Nicholls in shock.

"The hardest part is not being able to get them out," said Nicholls. "Ryan tried so hard, we just couldn't risk our lives to do it."

Nicholls said he has no idea what started the fire. No one was in the barn at the time.

Dysart firefighters got the call around 11 a.m. and upon arrival found the barn fully engulfed in flames.

The farm belongs to Lorrie McCauley, who has been operating it for about 35 years, said Hunter McTeague, who works with McCauley. The fire has upset McCauley, but the plan at this point is to rebuild, said McTeague.

The owner was not on site at the time of the blaze. Area residents and those connected to the property made their way there and watched the barn burn for more than an hour.

It is not yet known what the cause of the fire was, said Maughan. Firefighters were loading up water from the shores of Eagle Lake and transporting it back to the scene



A decades-old barn burned to the ground on Tuesday, Feb. 9. The cause of the fire is unknown. Dysart fire chief Miles Maughan estimates the fire caused \$400,000 worth of damage. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

of the fire, which was located at 2311 Eagle Lake Road.

Maughan said his crew was on scene for about seven hours, with different firefighters attending the blaze throughout that time. A total of 21 firefighters put out the fire. "There was no saving anything when we got there," said Maughan. "It was good to get some fresh legs to clean everything up."

The fire chief went to the site the following day, Wednesday, Feb. 10, and saw that the fire was still smouldering. An insurance representative and fire investigator were there to survey the damage.

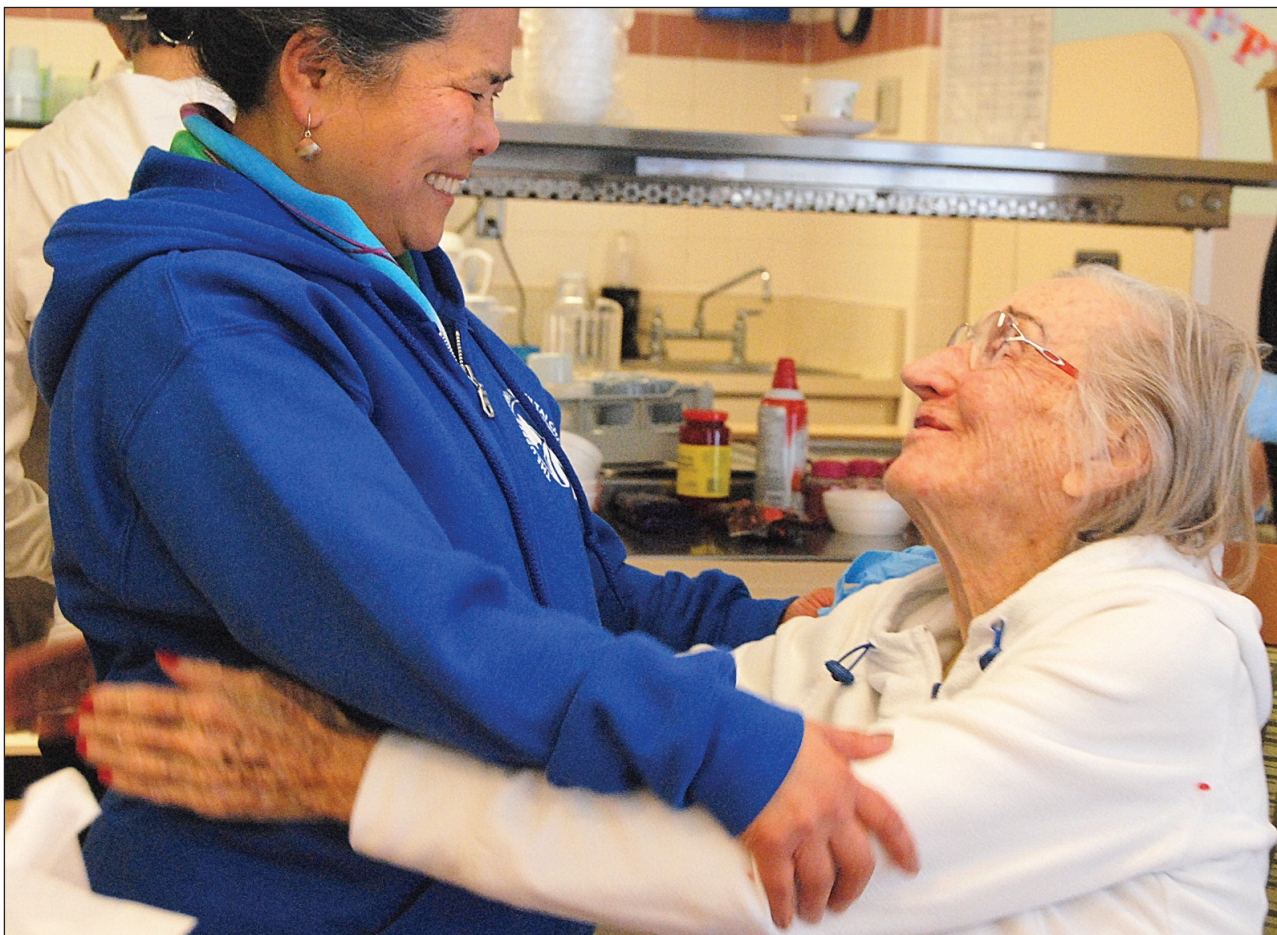
Maughan said the fire marshal will not be called in and he does not believe the fire was suspicious.

"Until they do some more tests they're not sure what it was [that caused it]," he said.

He estimates the total damage to be around \$400,000. There was no damage to the house.

Nicholls said the community has been very supportive and helpful since the fire, a true testament to the power of a small community.

"It just makes you feel so good," he said. "People are so good ... that's what's great about a small community."



A Valentine's treat

Above, Highland Wood resident Carol Jones, right, embraces volunteer Cristina Barry, who was helping hand out sweet treats and tea at the Valentine's Day event on Friday, Feb. 12.

Above right, Eleanor Young holds one of the cookies baked by residents at the Valentine's Day tea. The event also included sundaes and cupcakes.

Bottom right, Lois Boice sits back after eating some festive cookies and drinking tea at the Valentine's Day celebration at Highland Wood. Her daughter Judy Johnson chats with her over snacks and the two women say dressing in Valentine's Day colours was a happy coincidence.

PHOTOS BY JENN WATT



Renowned researcher to speak at Environment Haliburton AGM

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

On Saturday, Feb. 20, Environment Haliburton will be hosting its annual general meeting featuring Dr. Norman Yan as the guest speaker.

A fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, Yan is also a member of York University's Institute for Research and Innovation in Sustainability and director of the FLAMES Lab at the Dorset Environmental Sciences Centre.

"Dr. Yan has spent his working life studying lakes on the Laurentian Shield, the factors that regulate the recovery of lakes from historical damage, the influence of exotic species, the influence of climate change and

the influence of human development," wrote Carolyn Coburn of EH in an email to the paper.

Yan is a senior research scholar of the biology department at York University, chairman of the Friends of the Muskoka Watershed and has 50 years of experience doing environmental monitoring of area lakes.

"Yan's professional goal is to understand the impacts of multiple environmental stressors on Canadian Shield lakes, particularly on their animal plankton," wrote Coburn.

Following his work with the Ministry of Environment for 25 years, Yan was hired by York University's biology department in 2000, working there until his retirement in 2014.

He now splits his time between the Friends of the

Muskoka Watershed and running a B&B with his wife Sandy in Bracebridge.

He continues to pursue research and writing in his fields of interest, including the impacts of invading predators and changes in climate.

"He has co-authored over 200 publications, a body of fundamental and applied research that has garnered both provincial and national awards and in 2012, a fellowship in the Royal Society of Canada," wrote Coburn.

The AGM will be held at 1 p.m. in the Great Hall at Fleming College.

The meeting is open to anyone who would like to attend. For more information contact Coburn at 705-754-9873 or visit www.environmenthaliburton.ca.



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Decision to withdraw difficult

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including weather conditions and the health of his Siberian Huskies.

The Yukon Quest, which stretches from Fairbanks, Alaska, to Whitehorse, only had 23 mushers competing this year.

Beginning the race on Feb. 6, DeBruin, 53, lost one of his dogs, Charlie, during the first half of the stretch.

According to an article published in a Fairbanks newspaper, DeBruin used an emergency beacon to call for help after Charlie suffered some serious health problems that had her dropping to the ground and going completely rigid.

Using the beacon means mushers are disqualified, however that was a chance DeBruin was willing to take to save the life of a dog, as he thought she was dying.

In the end Charlie was rescued and is doing fine and DeBruin was allowed to continue on the race, but eventually scratched in Eagle, Alaska.

The race marshal's decision to allow DeBruin to continue after he used the beacon was precedent setting and will likely result in the Yukon Quest rules being revisited next year, according to the article.

As of Feb. 11 the musher was down from 14 dogs on his team to nine, with K2, Hosta, Garrett and Wyatt unable to continue racing, according to Facebook posts.

The small number was making it difficult for the team, which was expressed by McCready-DeBruin on their Facebook page.

On Feb. 12, she wrote that after a long talk with DeBruin and a look at the upcoming forecast, which was predicting between 12 to 24 inches of fresh snow, the couple decided it would be in the best interest for the dogs to withdraw.

"Mushers coming off the trail this morning are talking of no trail markers left on Top of the World highway and white-out conditions," wrote McCready-DeBruin. "Long and short of it, asking our dogs to run 150 miles in conditions like that without any other teams to help take the burden of breaking trail will break the team down both mentally and physically."

At that point DeBruin was running in

last place. The decision marked the first time DeBruin had ever not finished a race, including the Iditarod in 2010, which made it even more difficult to do.

"But we both feel it is the only decision to be made for the team," said McCready-DeBruin.

"We want them to love what they do, and asking them to do this run may change that. We hope to be back on the Yukon Quest trail next winter, we love this race. Despite the beautiful weather that started this race, since the second day on the trail this race has been challenge after challenge for our team. The dogs are all physically fine, but are mentally tired from the number of times they have turned around on this trail."

Unable to make it to the halfway point, which is Dawson City, Yukon, DeBruin will fly out with the team and his gear and will have to bear the financial burden.

"The race didn't end the way we had planned but there is no doubt Hank and the team gave it their all, and that is all anyone can ever do," wrote McCready-DeBruin.

"Our team will be back on the Yukon Quest trail again and until then we wish all the mushers (many of whom are our dearest friends) still continuing on an amazing race. To the Quest organization, staff, vets, judges, race marshal, trail breakers, volunteers, checkpoints and anyone else I miss, your support in this race has been overwhelming. Even this morning when I talked to the race marshal Doug about our options he was emphatic that he wanted Hank to finish, he (and we) just didn't know how to make that possible in the given conditions and circumstances."

McCready-DeBruin went on to say the decision was not made lightly and that the support she and her husband received brings her to tears.

"To all of you who make the experience so much more by your support in every way we can't thank you enough. To those of you who sponsor the team financially so we can run these races, you make it all possible! It brings tears to my eyes as I type this. I hope you all know how much you mean to all of us and what a hard decision this has been. So much more I

want to say but words are failing me."

Messages of support were flooding the Winterdance Dogsled Tours Facebook page throughout DeBruin's race and after they made the announcement of withdrawing.

Gail Petlig wrote, "You and the team are amazing and made the best decision for all to be safe! You are a winner."

"Nothing but respect and admiration," wrote Marnie Martin. "Such a rough journey but safety for Hank and the dogs is always the best decision. Still an inspiration to me and so many fans."

The decision to embark on the Yukon Quest is a costly one, with unexpected logistics of leaving from Eagle, Alaska, making it even more so.

The couple have an online fundraising page, where anyone can sponsor them.

To donate visit www.gofundme.com/winterdancequest.

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We both feel it is the only decision to be made for the team.

— Tanya McCready-DeBruin
on the team's decision to withdraw
from Yukon Quest

Sunday fire causes \$100,000 damage

A fire on Sunday devoured a car and part of a home on Redkenn Drive in the Kennisis Lake area.

According to Dysart et al fire chief Miles Maughan, 15 firefighters responded to the call on Feb. 14 at 3 p.m. to find the car fully involved and the fire spreading to the building.

The flames burned the outside wall of the house and a window to the loft bedroom.

While firefighters were able to put out the fire, \$70,000 worth of damage was already done to the home and the vehicle was destroyed.

The cause of the fire was "careless use of propane heater," according to the release. There were no injuries.



Poker run pays off

On Saturday, Feb. 6, the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve held its 27th annual Poker Run. There was a total of \$7,000 raised for the Haliburton Firefighters Association by 340 visiting snowmobilers. The Forest could have done with some more snow, yet conditions were still good and a good time was had by all. In the end the first prize, a 2016 SkiDoo snowmobile, was won by Arlene Killam, who visited the Forest with a number of friends. Photo submitted by Peter Schleifenbaum.

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Jack Frost arrives

BELATEDLY, JACK Frost made his way to the Highlands last weekend with bitter temperatures between -41°C and a relatively balmy -17 by Sunday afternoon. It was more than we bargained for.

Over the last two months, we've lamented the lacklustre season, which over Christmas melted ski hill slopes and stymied snowshoeing buffs with a thin layer of icy snowpack.

The warm weather made lakes dangerous across Ontario and we lost several people to falling through the lakes' ice.

Then like a hungry predator starved all season, winter returned for Valentine's Day, filled with bitter cold, causing cancellations of events, stalling cars and busting water pipes for three days straight.

On Sunday, our region at least equaled the record low for Haliburton of -41°C set in 1934.

(The record high was in 1886 at a toasty 8°C, according to the Weather Network.)

Casualties of the recent freeze up include Haliburton Village's Frost Fest and the Lions Club's Polar Bear Challenge, both of which were called off on Thursday when

extreme cold warnings became certain. It was just too dangerous to ask people to play outdoors in temperatures that could lead to frostbite in a matter of minutes.

(The Kinmount Winterfest, scheduled for Feb. 20, was also called off, but those organizers said it wasn't wintry enough in their estimation. That was before last weekend's cold blast.)

It seems with weather you just can't win. This winter's cancellations are just the cold cousin of the summer washouts, which have called off their fair share of concerts and festivals.

With weather becoming more unpredictable and wild as the years progress, it's becoming increasingly necessary to create back-up plans. Frost Fest may have been cancelled this year, but a couple of its events continued on nonetheless.

Indoor skating and the lasagna dinner were unaffected by the cold snap, for example.

Following this lead in the future – ensuring there are both indoor and outdoor options, or at least contingency plans – will help us preserve our touchstone events no matter what weather comes our way.



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Editorial



Art in the Park

by Darren Lum

Sister Mary Lydia

LAST WEEK I was preparing to go on a four-day silent meditation retreat and two friends were coming with me. One has been before, and one was coming for his first ever silent retreat.

We were having a cup of coffee and talking about what to expect and I told them that these retreats were the closest thing I would ever have to being a nun for a few days.

I talked about how during the four days as I sit, walk, eat and move in silence I feel like I experience what the life of a nun or monk would be. Our eyes are respectfully lowered as we move around the facility. There is no need to say thank you or pardon. All 35 participants move so quietly, and carefully to ensure that they hold the "noble silence" for themselves and for the group. Each person has their own room. There is no technology, reading, knitting or any other distractions.

Only the meditation teacher talks when she or he teaches throughout the day. As soon as the silence begins I move into this quiet, contemplative mode and I know I will stay there until Sunday at noon.

Each of us takes turns ringing a beautiful bell to indicate the start of a session, or the start of a meal. The sound rings throughout the building, like a church bell, and quickly becomes a support in the four days. On this particular retreat the instructor brought a Tibetan bell from one of his trips, and it made

a sound that felt like it moved into and through my heart every time it rang. As I told both of my friends about the feeling of being a nun they quickly named us Sister Mary Lydia, Sister Barbarella and Brother Peter. It added some lovely humour to our journey.

And so we went on our retreat "a soft radical transformation of the heart" and it was as it always is, sometimes beautiful and sometimes challenging. Sometimes easy and sometimes difficult. And then we go home and go back into our lives.

This weekend I find myself in Ottawa visiting friends for Family Day and 14 of us decide to go play laser tag. It's a large room with wooden walls, nooks and crannies, ramps, windows and there is loud music playing. Fifty people are in each group and we all run around trying to tag each other with our laser guns.

We laughed and laughed and it occurred to me at one point that Sister Mary Lydia has a very interesting life. The beauty of silence and introspection, and the beauty of a loud family-oriented game of tag on a Saturday night in Ottawa.

I wouldn't want to do either of these activities full time, but the contrast keeps me young, learning, centred and playful.

We all need to find the things that fill us up and challenge us: The things that are for ourselves personally, and the things we do for our families and to connect with our friends. When that's in balance our heart is happy. And as Rumi says, "The only lasting beauty, is the beauty of the heart."

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A tradition pasta on

LATE THIS WEEKEND, my son called me and announced he had a pasta noodle lodged up his nostril. As a parent, when you hear something like this, two thoughts race through your head. How did it happen? Are you OK?

As a humour columnist, however, many additional thoughts join in. First, "Great, I've got my column for this week!" Then, in no particular order: what kind of noodle? Did it enter from the inside or outside of your nostril? Is this the result of a dare? Was the noodle at least al dente? If it is a penne noodle, can you now whistle through your nose? Is there any chance this could go viral on YouTube? And, of course, I have never loved you as much as I do now.

The good news is I can write this column without guilt because my son ended up blowing his nose and jettisoning the noodle in question out into a Kleenex. No harm was done. The noodle in the photo he sent, in fact, looked as good as new.

When my son relayed this, I was as relieved as anyone could be.

"Thank God," I said, quite emotionally. "Thank God it's a real noodle."

Honestly, I have never been more proud.

An explanation might be in order. You see, having a noodle lodged up your nostril is a proud and long-standing tradition for the men in my family, dating back at least four centuries. You might even call it a rite of passage. My son was the last of the male offspring of his generation to go through this and, quite frankly, I thought he was never going to follow in the old man's footsteps.

It's not like I didn't offer ample support either. When he lived with me, I made some sort of pasta dish at

least once a week so that no one could accuse me of not giving the kid a chance.

Yet, during all those meals there was not even a close call.

Then, just when I had all but given up, it happened.

I'm not saying this to brag, but the noodle in question was fettuccine. Anyone who knows anything about this will tell you those are among the most difficult of noodles to accidentally ingest into your nostrils and expel. Perhaps only lasagna noodles possess a higher difficulty factor. Yet my boy handled it like a champ.

That evening when I called my brother Martin, he was just about in tears.

"Fettuccine?" he beamed. "Who says kids these days don't know what hard work is?"

"I know," I replied. "I snorted up a spaghettini noodle when I was 16 and I thought that was almost impossible."

Mart then reminisced about the time he almost accidentally inhaled a ravioli. That brush with glory still haunts him.

"Our descendants would have talked about me for a thousand years," he lamented.

"Hey, later that week, you did your part with that rotini noodle," I said comfortingly. "Don't ever forget that."

"Thanks bro," he sighed.

Even now as I write this I have a feeling of sublime contentment. My son after all, faced an age-old challenge head on. First, he managed to somehow get a noodle up his nose, which is no small feat. Then, by not panicking, he got it out.

Sure, he had the luxury of doing an Internet search to find the best way of dislodging a piece of pasta from your nostrils. But my experience wasn't so different: I relied on the sage advice of a loving father and several uncles.

The point is, the torch has been passed. My son and nephew can now hold their heads up high with clear conscience and nostrils. Now, hopefully their sons might eventually face this challenge one day and defeat it too, as have generations of Galea men before them.

I guess you might think this is a silly tradition, but in my family, we take pride in using the old noodle.



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Loon Tales



pic of the past

Jack Robertson with his mother and niece Ruby, who lived with them until she was about 14 years old. The photo was taken where Wigamog is now in 1920. Photo submitted by Robertson's daughter Jacqueline Metcalf

letters to the editor

Cook It Up more than a meal

To the Editor,

The following letter was sent to SIRCH about their weekly program, which runs Mondays at Baked and Battered in Haliburton.

Jim and I participated in Cook It Up today and we both are glad that we had put it on our calendar and made time to be recipients of all your hard work. Thank you.

We want you all to know that this is a special experience. These are some of the reasons why:

- The food was healthy, tasty and had presentation that made everything seem extra special.
- The selection of drinks were excellent. (Our server made the entire experience personable.)
- The appetizers were well chosen and flavourful. We commented on what a great idea the spaghetti soup was. It was inspirational because it wasn't attempting to be haute cuisine. It made us think that we should try this at home. The brus-

chetta was also excellent. We enjoyed the names: Double Tomato Bruschetta, Steamy Spaghetti Soup.

We really appreciated that we could keep checking our place mats to see exactly what we were eating.

The place mats were an important part of the experience. And they were really well done.

On to the Entree: Super presentation, tasty rice, and excellent stuffed meatballs. (The only improvement would have been if Baked and Battered had knives with serrated edges to cut the meatballs easier.) Really didn't matter if the knives were not up to the job; fingers got the job done and that's all that counts.

We rarely order dessert (calories, etc.), so we were quite impressed with the dessert that was great to look at; even better to eat; and yet not so caloric as to make one feel guilty! How cool is that? Such a special meal.

see LUNCH page 8

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Lunch a community experience

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We can only imagine how challenging it would be to work together to plan and execute a meal for the public. Perhaps we all should have this experience just to learn to work together. Kudos to all involved.

Most importantly, and the reason to write this letter is to let all of you know that, once again, we found Cook It Up to be far more than a great meal (and a great learning experience for the trainees).

It is an amazingly friendly local experience which is rarely found when going for a typical meal out. For certain, it was a highlight for us last year. The atmosphere where people are offered to sit with other people (with whom they did not come) is wonderful. Each time we have come, we have ended up sitting with someone we know of, but would probably never make arrangements to go out to lunch with. It is a powerful way to allow small town culture to flourish and to actually promote it proudly as a way of being at times. We thank you for modelling this atmosphere. In fact, we feel that other restaurants could copy/model this kind of sharing of

tables and visiting (for those who would enjoy that kind of experience).

We know that as tourists elsewhere, we find the kind of atmosphere we experience at Cook It Up to be the best kind of tourist advertising one could wish for. It causes word of mouth about an area and repeat tourist visits. Having the cook/chef come out and interact with the folks her or she is cooking it up for is so powerful! Having all the people in the restaurant/cafe/bistro, etc., being outwardly friendly is time well spent and translates into good feelings and probably repeat business.

We want to thank all the trainees for demonstrating how capable they are.

We want to thank everyone involved for making Cook It Up an exemplary experience.

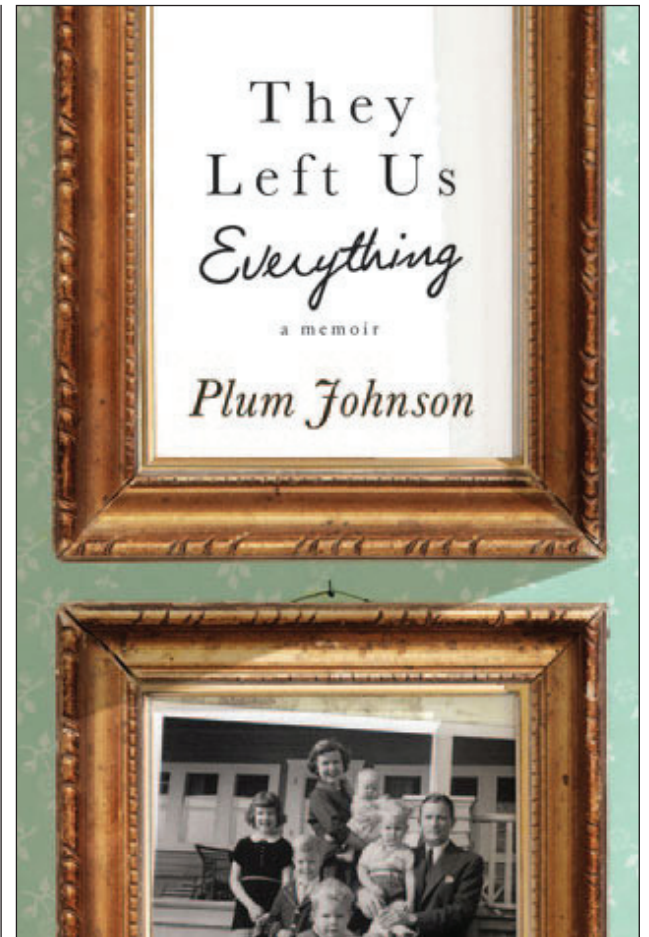
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Bernie (and Jim) Davis
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Pancake Tuesday raises spirits and cash

Hundreds of people fill the Haliburton Legion on Tuesday, Feb. 9 for St. George's Anglican Church's pancake supper. The 77th annual event served up delicious pancakes, sausages, coleslaw and dessert, with admission by donation to support the Haliburton Refugee Sponsorship Committee and Haliburton Highlands Pregnancy Centre. The event marks the start of the Easter season. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



Book of the Month: *They Left Us Everything* by Plum Johnson

After 20 years of caring for her elderly parents – first her senile father, then her cantankerous 93-year-old mother Plum Johnson and her three younger brothers experience the conflicted feelings of grief and relief when their mother, their sole surviving parent, dies. Now, they are left to clean out their family home: 23 rooms that haven't been decluttered in half a century. But as they sift through antiques and oxygen tanks, they unearth memories and truths of their difficult but loving parents.

They Left Us Everything by Plum Johnson is a memoir about making sense of the past and nurturing family bonds, and is available to reserve at Haliburton County Public Library. It is also one of our Evergreen nominees for 2016. Read one or more of our Evergreen selections and vote for your favourite in October.

Library News

2016 Evergreen nominees are here! The Evergreen Award is part of the Ontario Library Association's Forest of Reading, and celebrates Canadian writing. This year's nominees include fiction, non-fiction, short stories, and a graphic novel. Participate in the Evergreen Award by reading one or more titles and voting for your favourite in October.

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Friends of the Rail Trail co-founder Pamela Marsales speaks with newly registered members at the membership organization's Re-Member FoRT, a five-year retrospective of its activities on Sunday, Feb. 7 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton. /DARREN LUM Staff

Friends of Rail Trail working to connect people

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The Friends of the Rail Trail are proud of their past educating about and endorsing the use of the Haliburton Rail Trail, but also excited for the future with their Toronto to Algonquin Greenway (TAG) concept, which will share the Highlands' culture and benefit local tourism.

Friends co-founder Pamela Marsales spoke about the membership organization, which started as part of the Haliburton County Community Cooperative, at Re-Member FoRT, a five-year retrospective on Sunday, Feb. 7 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton.

This organization was active in policy discussion related to the Rail Trail and organized more than 50 events such as Dark Skies in the Lochlin Flats, or the Ghost Railway Paddling Tour. Among them are the Sunday Rambles, which invited people (and dogs) of all ages to not only walk portions of the Rail Trail, but also learn about the history, heritage and habitat of the area.

After a three-year hiatus, the membership organization

that works to connect the community to the Rail Trail is offering its Sunday Rambles again.

Friends started "almost by accident" in 2007 with Critters and Trestles at Camp Wanakita for 85 people. The event included live wild animals, railway artifacts and stories related to the time when the trains were part of the transportation landscape.

The events start April 3 and will be held every week until the second Sunday in June. Distances vary, but are up to six kilometres. The routes are "out and back" so walking pace is not important, as everyone ends up at the same place. Although the Rambles group leave 11 a.m. participants are encouraged to come for 10:45.

Marsales describes them as "a cocktail party on the move" without the alcohol, as children and dogs are welcome.

At this retrospective, Marsales also spoke about the future for the organization.

Friends hopes, she said, to work with Haliburton County as a partner in bringing TAG, a sustainable tourism route from Toronto to Algonquin Provincial Park. It will bring visitors and dollars to Haliburton County. The Sunday Rambles style event could be offered along TAG.

"TAG is a way to hike, bike and paddle through Haliburton County and we need to apply for all kinds of major funding to really bring that vision to life," she said.

"Friends of the Rail Trail can help with that within Haliburton County in terms of getting the message out."

She adds this concept will have many partners, except the Friends will be one of the major organizing partners within Haliburton County. Funding is needed for TAG, but not the organization, which is volunteer run.

She said at the recently held Slow Travel, a series of events led by a traveller who shared their experiences while travelling on long trails.

One was the GAP (Great Allegheny Passage) in the U.S. and another was the Otago Central Rail Trail in New Zealand.

"They started the same way TAG did. A few people having a vision and creating a lot of partnerships and eventually the world discovered it as a destination route and are flocking there now. That's what we see happening here."

The benefit of the slow travel experience on these trips was a cultural immersion, but also a business opportunities for smaller communities that provided corresponding services to adventurers.

FoRT welcomes new and returning members – only \$10, including non-members to events. Contact Pamela at 705-457-4767 or Pamela.Marsales@gmail.com for more information.

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This fun-filled, action-packed puppet show is about two friends, Lucy and Chucky, who find themselves suddenly in a treasure-hunting pirate adventure.

Puppeteer Robin Erlandsen says "our shows are all about entertainment and humour, for both kids and adults. We like to make the grown-ups in the audience laugh just as much as the kids."

Maine native Erlandsen and her two brothers Erik Torbeck and Brian Torbeck make up Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers.

Erlandsen says they have always enjoyed puppets and would put on shows as kids. But it wasn't until the year 2000 that the three of them performed their first full length show together. "A few teachers saw the show and invited us to perform at their schools, and it just slowly grew from that point. After a few years we were able to perform full-time as puppeteers and realized that this was now our 'real job.' When we did that first show we had no idea that we would end up as professional puppeteers."

Erik creates most of the character and story lines as well as the script writing.

Erlandsen adds, "the characters develop more and more as we rehearse the show and get to know our individual puppets. After 14 years of doing *Everybody Loves Pirates*, we have really gotten acquainted with the puppets we operate."

Everybody Loves Pirates features 15 hand-crafted mouth and rod puppets as well as an eight foot paper mache pirate ship. All the puppets are made by Erik and Brian.



Everybody Loves Pirates was written because the trio wanted to do a pirate adventure show.

Erlandsen says kids who have watched the show all say it's funny. "They also usually ask how we work the puppets and props, and a lot of them say that they would like to put on their own puppet show someday."

This will be the first time Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers visit Haliburton County. The only other Canadian performance has been in Almonte, Ont., at the annual Puppets Up! International Puppet

Festival.

Everybody Loves Pirates will be showing at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion Feb. 21. Doors open at 2 p.m.

Tickets are available at the door or online at www.razzamataz.ca – \$10 for adults, \$7 for kids and those under two are free. Yo ho ho!

Razzmataz Kids' Shows is a local non-profit volunteer group that has been bringing high quality live children's entertainment to Haliburton County for 30 years.

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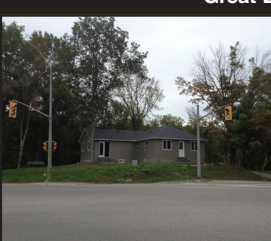
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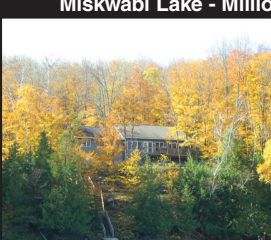
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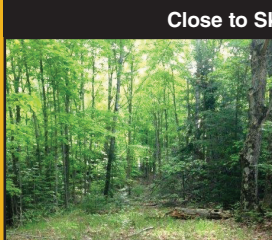
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Wolves play with heart in last game

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter



2016 was an up and down inaugural year for the Haliburton Wolves.

Although the team lost more than it won, its last game on Thursday, Feb. 11 against the visiting Almaguin Spartans was an example of heart under overwhelming odds.

First, the Spartans are far and away better in the Greater Metro Junior A Hockey League's north division standings at third with 33 wins and have 47 more points as of Friday morning than Haliburton, who finished 9-32-1.

Second, this team edged out the second place north division's Temiscaming Titans 3-2 in its last game.

Third, the Wolves only had 12 players dress compared to the 20 that suited up for the Spartans, who struggled to find room on the bench for all the players.

Faced with this challenge, the home team didn't buckle (get tired, yes, but did not capitulate).

They took a quick lead seconds into the game from a Nick Hunter goal, taking advantage of a powerplay awarded at the start of the game when an Almaguin player skated over centre ice during the pre-game warmup.

Haliburton even held the larger Spartans down 1-0 for most of the first period, keeping the pace high with strong skating and an emphasis on finishing their checks, knocking much larger players off their feet to the delight of diehard fans.

Close to the six minute mark of the first, the Wolves were tiring. Almaguin capitalized with a powerplay goal and then seconds later added an even-strength goal to go ahead 2-1 to end the first. The Spartans added another powerplay marker at the start of the second to lead 3-1.

Only minutes later, the Spartans added another for the insurance marker to lead 4-1, which put the visitors ahead for good.

The three-goal deficit didn't slow down or quell the tenacity of the Wolves. It was a testament to the team that has seen its fair share of challenges from injuries, suspensions and absent players.

The Wolves will play the Temiscaming Titans in the GMHL playoffs this week courtesy of a Coldwater Falcons 9-6 loss and a better goals-for and goals-against differential than the Falcons, who ended the season with the same record.

The best-of-five playoff series starts this week. Haliburton will host the Titans this Thursday.



Above, the Haliburton Wolves player James Kilgore, left, attempts to evade Almaguin Spartans backchecker Jason Demczak during Greater Metro Junior A Hockey League action on Thursday, Feb. 11 at the A.J. LaRue area in Haliburton. Left, Wolves forward Zack Thorsen is held up by a trio of defenders from pursuing a puck. Haliburton, who only had 12 players to play against Almaguin's 20, lost a well-fought game 4-1. / DARREN LUM Staff



Left, the Haliburton Wolves centre Nick Hunter, left, digs into hit Almaguin Spartans player Gudmundur Thorsteinsson of Iceland. Right, with Haliburton Wolves players Connor Sikma, left, and Jacob Bishop looking on, goalie Motoki Watanabe of Japan leaps out to grab the rebound.



Juniors coming together down the stretch

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

It always seems like a shame that a basketball game comes down to the last shot.

Particularly when a team works as hard as the Red Hawks junior boys' basketball team did to not only tie it up late, but to put themselves in a position to win against the Kawartha High School League's best, St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School Titans on Wednesday, Feb. 10 in Haliburton.

However there is no question about the drama of the buzzer beat, whether for the home or the away team.

Outside of a short 24-23 lead in the third quarter, the junior boys were battling from behind.

At the start of the fourth quarter, the Titans were leading 34-26 and appeared in command.

Haliburton remained calm and collected, moving the ball around in the offensive zone, looking for open players and stayed patient on defence, working on eliminating the lanes, getting or forcing turnovers without committing a foul.

In the third quarter, Hawks forward Cam Little shone on both ends of the floor, creating turnovers and grabbing rebounds while point guard Sam Longo sank a triple to draw the team to within three points, 34-31. This effort was part of a 12-5 run for Haliburton in the fourth.

In the end forward Jordan Lapierre worked his way to the charity stripe and sank one of two, tying the game for the juniors with 11 seconds left in the game. On the second free throw Lapierre followed up on his own miss with the rebound and a 10-footer that hit the front of the rim and bounced into the net for 38-36 lead with less than three seconds left.

The visitors quickly inbounded and got the ball to their top scorer Chris Flynn, who led all players with 21 points. Under heavy pressure, Flynn moved across the width of the court and put up an awkward shot, well beyond the arc, that fell followed by the buzzer and the hush of the partisan crowd. Titans won 39-38.

Hawks coach Paul Longo said this game is a showcase of the team's promise being fulfilled.

"The work that all the boys have put in is finally coming together and they believe in themselves. The confidence is there. It was a tough way to lose. A three-pointer with no time left on the clock. It banks in. What are you going to do? It's just the basketball gods weren't on our side today," he said. "I'm proud of the defence, patience on offence. We made very, very few mistakes in that game. We didn't really turn the ball over very much. Give them credit. They're a very good team too, but it proved to our guys we're right there. We're right there with everybody else."

Just three days before, the Hawks played the Titans on the road and had been easily handled, losing 35-20.

"We just had scoring [troubles] again, but played great defence," he said. "So to have this game again against these guys and push them right to the brink and to lose by a point on a last second prayer from three-point land is, I think, a victory for us as much as it could be."

Haliburton started the game slowly. They steadily improved, spreading the ball with greater efficiency and forcing the Titans to take tougher shots.

After the first quarter, Longo reminded his team to stay focused on what has been taught all season.

"Stick with the plan and keep playing



The Red Hawks junior point guard Sam Longo, left, moves past St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School Titans player Chris Flynn in Kawartha High School League action on Wednesday, Feb. 10 in Haliburton. Longo scored 14 points in the 39-38 loss. /DARREN LUM Staff

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The work that all the boys have put in is finally coming together and they believe in themselves.

— Paul Longo, Hawks coach

the D. Wait for our opportunities and be a little more patient on offence and things will happen," he said.

The Hawks came in with momentum initially built from a weekend tournament in Petawawa. They started that tournament with a dramatic 27-26 win against Whiddifield Secondary School from North Bay. Sam Longo sank a three-pointer to win the game with seven seconds left. Haliburton erased a 12-point deficit at the half on the strength of defensive adjustment.

Their next game was against Immaculata High School of Ottawa, who is considered one of the best teams in Ontario, Longo said.

The Hawks were blown out, but Longo was proud of his team for playing up to their potential.

The Red and White closed out the tournament with a solid effort against Arnprior. Only down a point at the half, Haliburton was worn down by Arnprior's larger players. They eventually lost by several points.

"We're carrying that momentum over into these games," he said. "Now we're in tight games. We had a bunch of tight games where we have a chance to win."

Longo did not have a shortage of pride for how the entire team, not just his top scorers, was ready to play and how it executed. The entire 12-boy roster was part of this close loss, coach Longo said.

"I'm proud of the guys. It's as simple as that. Proud of the guys. Great game. It could have gone either way. It was just a good hard fought game," he said.



Titans defender George Smith throws a hand up against the Red Hawks post player Jonas Hill, who scored six points, in Kawartha High School League action on Wednesday, Feb. 10 in Haliburton. The Hawks' Sam Longo scored 14 points in the 39-38 loss. Titans player Chris Flynn won the game for the Titans with a three-pointer at the buzzer after Haliburton took a short-lived lead with seconds on the clock from a Jordan Lapierre basket. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Glebe hosts Kawartha

The Red Hawks Nordic skier Brynn Meyers, above, charges from the start of the 5.5 kilometre course for senior girls during the Kawartha Invitational on Wednesday, Feb. 10 at Glebe Park in Haliburton. Meyers finished ninth, edging out teammate Christine Bishop, top right, by 23 seconds. Hawks' skier Sydney Cameron, right, who competed in novice girls, finished eighth. All of the Hawks advanced to the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics championship. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Left, the Red Hawks snowboarder Zak Shantz leans into the second gate during the Kawartha Snowboarding Championship on Friday, Feb. 12 at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride. There were 17 riders competing for the Hawks in the annual competition.

Top, the Red Hawks snowboarder Taylor Coltman prepares to ride to the second gate during the Kawartha Snowboarding Championship on Friday, Feb. 12 at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride. There were 17 riders competing for the Hawks in the annual competition. /DARREN LUM Staff

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14 HHSS wrestlers advance to COSSA

The championship run is here!
On Tuesday, Feb. 9, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School wrestling team travelled to Cobourg to compete at the 2016 Kawartha Wrestling Championships hosted by Cobourg Collegiate Institute. Approximately 110 athletes representing high schools from across the region attended the event. HHSS wrestlers showed that they can wrestle with the best and posted some impressive victories.

A special congratulations goes to Sonya Flatman (54 kg) and Shane O'Reilly (83 kg), who led the team and returned home as Kawartha champions.

By the end of the day, 14 Red Hawks ranked among the top four in their respective weight categories to advance to the COSSA Championships held on Wednesday Feb. 17 in Peterborough.

Submitted by Paul Klose.

Women's Results

- 1st Place - Sonya Flatman
- 2nd Place - Rebecca Hamilton, Emily Klose, Shelby Murdoch, Sonora Plumb
- 3rd Place - Chloe Samson, Zanna Zondervan
- 4th Place - Cassidy Glecoff, Taylor Walton
- 5th Place - Maya Meraw, Noelle Dupret-Smith

Men's Results

- 1st Place - Shane O'Reilly
- 2nd Place - Jackson Gartshore
- 3rd Place - AJ Gillam
- 4th Place - Aidan Coles, Matt Manning
- 6th Place - Connor Spence



Left, the Red Hawks wrestler Noelle Dupret-Smith shoots to finish a leg attack during the Kawartha Wrestling Championship on Tuesday, Feb. 9 in Cobourg. Dupret-Smith was part of the ladies team that won the team event.

Top left, Hawks wrestler Shelby Murdoch celebrates a victory during the Kawartha Wrestling Championship on Tuesday, Feb. 9 in Cobourg.

Top right, the Red Hawks wrestler Rebecca Hamilton forces her opponent to the mat with a deep half-nelson move during the Kawartha Wrestling Championship on Tuesday, Feb. 9 in Cobourg.

Photos courtesy of Taylor Walton.

A look inside...

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Todd's bonspiel attracts 96 curlers, 24 teams for weekend

On Feb. 5, 6, and 7, 24 teams, 96 curlers and five visiting curling clubs came together with members of the Haliburton club to participate in the annual Todd's Independent mixed bonspiel. Clubs being represented were Oshawa, York Newmarket, Richmond Hill, St. George's, Milton and Haliburton.

Members of the curling teams and spectators had an enjoyable weekend of curling, fellowship, fun and food. Many thanks to the following sponsors: Todd's

Independent, Phyllis Woodcock, a life-time member of the club, CIBC, Minden Subaru and Re/Max North Country Realty Inc.

All teams commented on the terrific ice surface that was maintained by ice technician John Watson and his team of Ron Draper and Mitch Stephen.

Congratulations to everyone and many teams told Mary they would be back next year.

Submitted

Left, the winners of the D event sponsored by Re/Max North Country Realty. From left to right, Stephanie Ferlatte, Mike Millar, skip, Derek Ferlatte and Kristy Seminsky. Submitted by Mary Hillaby

Below, winners of the A event sponsored by Todd's Independent. From left to right, Gerri Faggion, Loris Faggion, Kim Thomas and skip, Craig Thomas from Milton Curling Club. Submitted by Mary Hillaby



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- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Soybean paste
 - 5. Unit of time
 - 8. Watering holes
 - 12. Joint
 - 14. Certified public accountant
 - 15. __ Mater, one's school
 - 16. Resells tickets
 - 18. Batter's objective
 - 19. Past participle of lie
 - 20. State of Islands
 - 21. Fed
 - 22. Cause cell destruction
 - 23. Daily Show host
 - 26. Diagrammed
 - 30. Cat sounds
 - 31. Most sorry
 - 32. Do wrong
 - 33. Coral reef and lagoon island
 - 34. That (Middle English)
 - 39. Electrically charged atom
 - 42. Nassau is the capital
 - 44. Frogs, toads, tree toads
 - 46. Marjoram
 - 47. Where the Donald lives in NYC
 - 49. Whale ship captain
 - 50. A way to emit sound
 - 51. Comparable
 - 56. Isodor __, American Nobel physicist
 - 57. Businesswoman
 - 58. A way to split up
 - 59. Solo Operatic piece
 - 60. No (Scottish)
 - 61. In a way, tears
 - 62. Bridge breadth
 - 63. Single Lens Reflex
 - 64. Thou __ protest too much
 - 63. Single Lens Reflex
 - 64. Thou __ protest too much

- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Korean War TV show
 - 2. South American Indian
 - 3. Cape at tip of Denmark
 - 4. A podrida cooking pot
 - 5. Russian sourgrass soup
 - 6. Perfect example
 - 7. Supplier
 - 8. Unhealthy looking
 - 9. Spanish beaches
 - 10. Am. follower of the Mennonite Bishop Amman
 - 11. Well-balanced
 - 13. Outer surface cells
 - 17. Fathers
 - 24. Sun up in New York
 - 25. Dweller above the Mason-Dixon
 - 26. Young women's association
 - 27. Tell on
 - 28. Bustle
 - 29. Poundal
 - 35. An ugly, old woman
 - 36. Doctors' group
 - 37. __ Ling, Chinese mountain range
 - 38. Volcanic mountain in Japan
 - 40. Leaves parentless
 - 41. Existing in or produced by nature
 - 42. Inclination
 - 43. Extents
 - 44. Peninsula between the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf
 - 45. Language of Nile
 - 47. Twyla __, US dancer
 - 48. Card game
 - 49. River in E. Turkey to the Caspian Sea
 - 52. Scored 100%
 - 53. Tonight's former host
 - 54. __ and ends
 - 55. Notable exploit

Solutions on page 18.

Notice



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the Planning Act and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held **Monday, March 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, this Application for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

- 1. File No. H-050/15
Applicant: Catherine VERNUM
Location of the Property: Part of Lot 6, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Dysart
Nature of the Application: Creation of a New Lot
- 2. File No. H-074/15
Applicant: Milan & Karen FRYBORT
Location of the Property: Part of Lot 3, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Dudley
Nature of the Application: Creation of a New Lot

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 16th day of February, 2016

Lisa Gillan
Secretary-Treasurer
Haliburton County Land Division Committee
11 Newcastle Street
P. O. 399
Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0
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or 1-866-886-8815, Ext. 248
Fax: (705) 286-4829
E-mail: lgillan@county.haliburton.on.ca



Left, the winners of the B event sponsored by Phyllis Woodcock and CIBC. From left to right, Erin Ribeiro, Larry Holden, Sheila Campbell and skip, Don Wetmore from Haliburton Curling Club. Submitted by Mary Hillaby

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NOTICE

Adoption of 2016 Budget

Council for the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to enact a by-law to adopt the 2016 Municipal Budget. Notice is hereby provided that a public meeting will be held on Monday, March 14, 2016. The meeting commences at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 1101 Holmes Road, Wilberforce, Ontario.

For details regarding the 2016 municipal budget please contact the CAO/Treasurer, Shannon Hunter at 705-448-2981 ex. 231 or e-mail shunter@highlandseast.ca

Irene S. Cook, CMO
Clerk/CEMC
Box 295, Wilberforce, Ontario K0L 3C0
1-705-448-2981 phone
1-705-448-2532 fax



Above, the winners of the C event sponsored by Minden Subaru. From left to right, Annabelle Wood, Ron Tolhurst, Marlee Tolhurst, and skip, Everett Wood from the Richmond Hill Curling Club. Submitted by Mary Hillaby

INSPECTION

Bancroft Minden 2011–2021 Forest Management Plan Inspection of Approved Planned Operations for Phase II 2016–2021

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. (BMFCI) and the Bancroft Minden Forest Local Citizen Committees (LCC) are advising you that the Planned Operations for the second five-year term (2016-2021) of the 2011 – 2021 Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the Bancroft Minden Forest have been approved by the MNRF Regional Director and are available for inspection.

The MNRF-approved Planned Operations for the second five-year term will be available for inspection for 30 days. During the 30-day inspection period, there is an opportunity to make a written request to the Director, Environmental Assessment Approvals Branch, Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change for an individual environmental assessment of specific forest management activities in the Planned Operations for the second five-year term.

The MNRF-approved planned operations for the second five-year term and planned operations summary are available for inspection during normal office hours by appointment for 30 days **February 16, 2016 to March 17, 2016** at the following locations:

- Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. office, 27578 Highway 62 South, contact Peter Nitschke at 613-332-6890.
- MNRF public website at ontario.ca/forestplans.
- The Ontario Government Information Centre in Toronto and ServiceOntario counters in Bancroft and Minden that provide Internet access.

For further information, please contact:

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Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
300 Water Street, South Tower, 4th Floor
Peterborough, ON K9J 8M5
tel: 705-755-1558

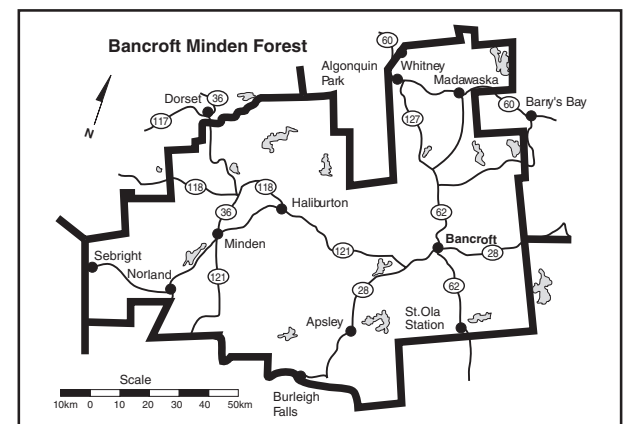
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Jane Dumas
Bancroft Minden Forest LCC
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e-mail: aljadumas@gmail.com

The approved planned operations will be available for public viewing for the five-year period at the same locations listed above.

This is the third and final opportunity to influence operations for the second five-year term.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is collecting your personal information under the authority of the Crown Forest Sustainability Act. Any personal information you provide (address, name, telephone, etc.) will be protected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Your personal information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to send you further information related to this forest management planning exercise. If you have questions about the use of your personal information, please contact Gary Meddick at 705-755-3228.



County of Haliburton REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS

The County of Haliburton will be accepting quotes to provide the following materials and/or services:

- 2016 Aggregate Materials Quoted Rates**
- 2016 Hired Truck & Equipment Quoted Rates**
- 2016-2-d Supply & Install Two Overhead Doors**
- 2016-6-a Provide Furnace Oil, Diesel & Gasoline**

The above two quotations are to be received no later than February 25 2016 @ 12:00 p.m.

For further information or to obtain forms, please visit www.haliburtoncounty.ca or contact:

Pam Weiss, Administrative Assistant
County of Haliburton, Public Works Dept.
11 Newcastle Street, P.O. Box 399
Minden, ON, K0M 2K0

Tel: 705-286-1762 x 225 Fax: 705-286-4881
E-mail: pweiss@county.haliburton.on.ca



UPCOMING
Community
Events

See more events in our Winter Guide, available on newsstands across the Haliburton Highlands.

Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free! Contact Pat at classifieds@haliburtonpress.com.

Dated Events

Free Family Snowflake Ball

When: Saturday, Feb. 20, 6:30 to 9 p.m.
Where: Kinmount Community Centre
Come dressed in your finest! Snacks by donation.

Abbey Gardens Presents. . . Full Moon Series, Snowshoe under the Stars!

When: Monday February 22, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm
Where Abbey Gardens
With Abbey Garden staff. (rental snowshoes available upon request)
Participation by Donation. Suggested Donations is \$10.00
Register today. On-line at www.abbeygardens.ca or call 705-754-4769
Spaces Limited!

HALIBURTON: Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, February 24, 10:30 am to Noon
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1205

MINDEN: Making Baby Food Together

When: Monday, February 29, 10 am to noon
Where: Ontario Early Years Centre (144 Bobcaygeon Rd.) in Minden
Join Health Unit staff in learning to make healthy food for your baby. Call (705) 457-1391 or 1-866-888-4577 for more information.

Bowl for Kids Sake - Big Brother Big Sister

When: Wed. March 2, 2016
Where Fast Lane Bowling, Minden
Organize a team of bowlers. Collect pledges. No skill required. No Cost to Bowler
Fore more info or to participate, please call Rawn at 705-286-2401

Nature in the Hood 2016 - Reptiles Road Show

When: Saturday, Mar. 19, 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Where: Haliburton Outdoors Association's Fish Hatchery 6712 Gelert Rd., Haliburton
Cost: General Admission: \$15.00 per adult, \$10.00 per child, Family Pass (up to 2 adults and 2 children): \$30.00. Passport Holders: \$10.00 per adult, \$5.00 per child, Family Pass (up to 2 adults and 2 children): \$20.00
Leader: Scales Nature Park
The knowledgeable folks from Scales Nature Park will bring their highly acclaimed outreach program, with a selection of interesting snakes and turtles for us to see, touch, and learn about.

Abbey Gardens Presents. . . Full Moon Series, Sound Bath Concert

When: Friday April 22, 7:30 pm-8:30 pm
Where Abbey Gardens
With Brahn of Yoga North (bring a relaxing chair or yoga mat)
Participation by Donation. Suggested Donations is \$10.00
Register today. On-line at www.abbeygardens.ca or call 705-754-4769
Spaces Limited!

Annual Dinner Auction

When: Saturday, April 30th 5:30-11:00 P.M.
Where: Galway Hall
What: Roast Beef Dinner, Live Auction, Silent Auction, Raffles
Tickets: \$25.00 for Sale at 705 488-2635 Check website: Kinmount.ca for further information
Contact: Diane Austin, 705 488-2635

Nature in the Hood 2016 - Wild Leeks, Wild Edibles

When: Saturday, May 7, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Where: Abbey Gardens, 1012 Garden Gate Dr. Haliburton (off Hwy 118 West of Haliburton)
Cost: \$5.00 per person, includes soup
Leader: Carolyn Langdon, Windfall Food Forest, forager and food forester

Good neighbours make good news out of dead car batteries

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Hilda Clark
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This year February has been full of surprises. No huge snow banks so far but the blinding storm last Friday afternoon certainly laid down a winter carpet for all those who made it here for the Family Day weekend. Traffic Friday evening made it seem like July.

Surprise! Saturday and Sunday temperatures were definitely not July degrees. Ask those of us who couldn't start our cars! Good news is good neighbours and generous battery boosters. Good news is also the line of snowmobiles at the diner. And the sunlight and Valentine's Day and more daylight. And February is half over.

Snowy roads and very low temperatures on Saturday didn't keep the relatives and friends of the late Tom Rivers from crowding into the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre to celebrate his life.

The service in both word and song well remembered Tom's life which ended so tragically in the cold waters of Dark Lake on Friday evening Jan. 29. He was doing something he knew well - operating a machine in the great outdoors with people who cared for him. He was

in his 54th year.

Having Tom so warmly remembered surely must have helped ease the pain his family and friends have been experiencing. Tom as well as his late parents Dorothy and Sam Rivers would have been pleased to hear the fine shared memories.

Many lingered to spend time together at the reception which followed the service.

Sympathy is extended to Tom's sisters Virginia (Dennis Tully) and Susan (Larry Ellison), nephews Andy, James, Elliott, David and nieces Tammy and Sandy and to all of his family, friends and workmates.

The afternoon tea and bake sale presented by the youth group and their LA leaders at the Wilberforce Legion was greatly enjoyed last Saturday afternoon.

The young people provided a very pleasant event. Nice hot tea with tasty food is so good on a very cold February day. Thanks so much.

Lots of planning is going on for upcoming events; Maple Fest on Easter Saturday, the figure skating carnival, the Loop Troupe play, repairs at the curling rink, rebuilding Harcourt's hall.

The Women's Bonspiel is next weekend with actual games on Saturday in Bancroft, but with evening gathering Friday and Saturday evenings at the Club House here. Have fun.

Hope to see lots of you at the noon lunch at St. Margaret's Church Tuesday, Feb. 23. Not soup this time. Pulled pork on a bun or vegetarian lasagna plus dessert for only \$5 or whatever you care to donate.

Valentine's concert brings Maple Lake together

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Eleanor Cooper
754-2278

For the 12th time a Valentine's concert entertained a church full of happy audience in a mostly musical fundraiser for Maple Lake United Church.

Once again, Albert Carpenter MCed the event most capably with his special touch of humour. His wife, Judy, created a four-layer cake for her contribution to the occasion.

The program included a reading from Ogden Nash by yours truly, readings from Hilaire Belloc by Michael Barnes, a beautiful solo by Margaret Milne, several selections from John Miller, who was also part of a quartet along with Jim Burk, Bob Clark and Christopher Chumbley. Ev Stata read her own Valentine poem.

Brenda Gallant and Cheryl Cohoon sang *Westering Home*, John Pugh with backup from George Claridge, Mabel Glendenning and Bruce played harmonica - well-known melodies.

Beth Johns and Norris Turner played a new composition by a Canadian fiddler and a ragtime that kept our toes tapping as finished with a waltz always a favourite with Earl.

Hannah Klose excelled in her singing of *Villia* and almost without saying Bill Gliddon accompanied all renditions on the keyboard.

The time in the lower area was thoroughly enjoyed too as we consumed a delicious selection of goodies provided by the Maple Lake church ladies.

Thanks to all who participated in any way to make the evening so very much fun - a success in every way.


Movie time and skating at the rink at the Centre happened on Valentine's Day itself. While only a few children and their parents came it provided the impetus for like events to follow. We'll keep you posted. Skating was actually omitted due to extreme cold.

Euchre on Feb. 9: high scores - Iris Miscio and Ray Campbell; low - Diane Madonik and Ed Muenzel; most lone hands - Tina Hadley.

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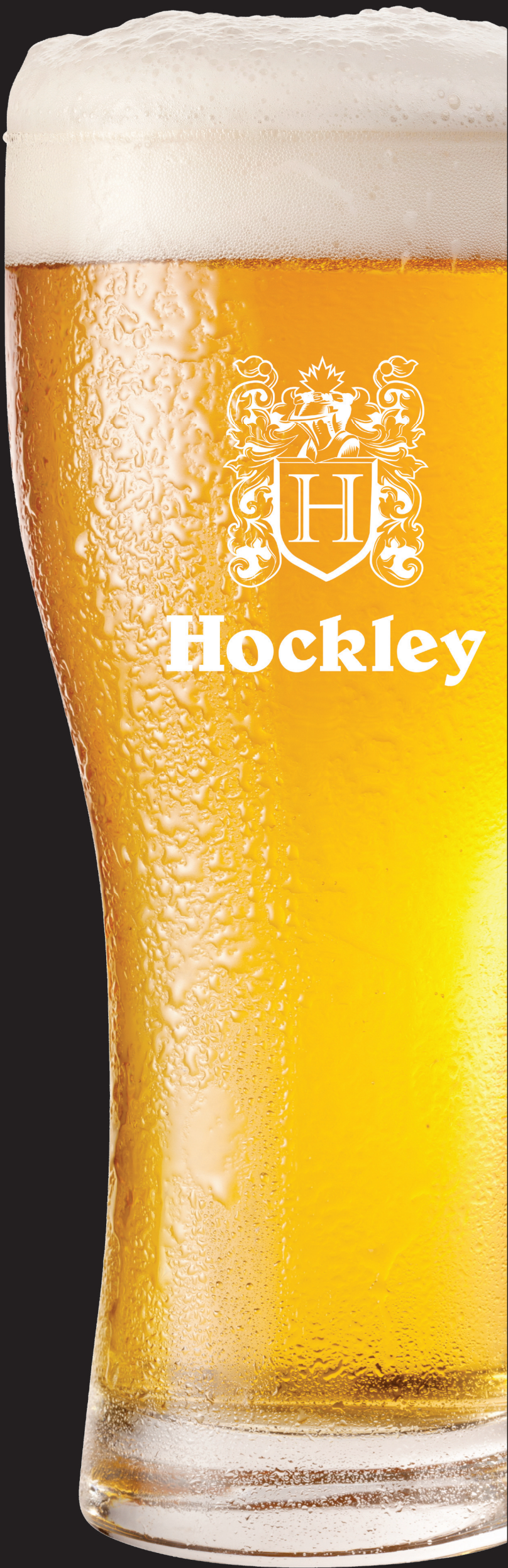
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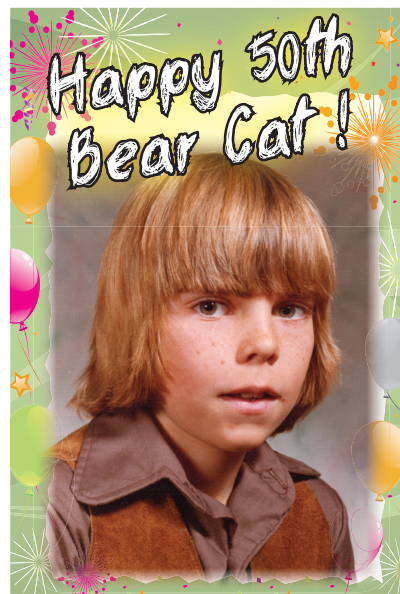
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It is with heavy hearts we announce the sudden, peaceful passing of Bob at his winter home in "The Westwinds" Bradenton, Florida.

Devoted and beloved husband of Donna, the "love of his life". Proud and loving Step - "Dad" to Bryan (Heather) of Toronto. Cherished "Bubba" of grandchildren Bridget and Patrick who brought him endless love and joy. Bob was predeceased by his loving parents Robert (1994) and Bertha (2015), and is survived by his sisters, Sandra of Markham and Nancy (Ron) of Orillia. Bob will be deeply missed by his brother-in-law David (Alyce) and sisters-in-law Gina (Tim), Barbara and Darlene. "Uncle Bob" will be remembered by his nephews Jon (Lynne), Tyler (Naomi), Nicholas, Matthew and his nieces Tonya (Dan), Amanda and Stephanie. "The Gang" will miss their dear friend, Bob as well as other family and friends in Canada and the United States. He will be missed for his kind and giving spirit. Bob retired after 27 years as a Business Agent for the Canadian Auto Workers in 2004 and he and Donna moved from Toronto to become full time residents on Maple Lake in the Algonquin Highlands, a dream come true.

Since his retirement Bob was a passionate and active volunteer, volunteering for a variety of organizations in the County. When Bob and Donna began wintering in Florida, Bob volunteer hours declined but he remained very active with the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary, fundraising for Canoe, and he enjoyed volunteering for the annual Haliburton Highlands Hospital Foundation Charity Golf Tournament. Bob was a member of the Zion United Church.

Bob was elected as President of the "Westwinds" Recreation Board and he dedicated many hours to improving the recreation facilities and events. As President he raised awareness for the Manatee Food Bank and the Toys for Tots Campaign.

In accordance with Bob's wishes cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life will be held in the Spring in Haliburton.

As an expression of sympathy and in Bob's memory, donations to the Minden Food Bank or the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be greatly appreciated and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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